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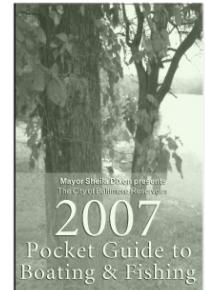
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Book, Line and Sinker!

2007 DPW Pocket Guide leads to fine fishing at City Reservoirs



Public Works Director George L. Winfield today announced that the DPW **2007 Pocket Guide to Boating & Fishing** for City reservoirs is available. Boat fishing season begins March 1st at the Liberty and Prettyboy reservoirs and April 6th at Loch Raven. For anglers, getting to know the rules and regulations before the season begins will not only help you make better use of your recreational time but may help increase your catch at the reservoirs! This guide is available right now on the web at www.Baltimorecity.gov. Best of all, this information is available to the public free of charge.

The reservoirs are open to visitors from sunrise to sunset and bank fishing is allowed year-round. In addition to boating and fishing, each year thousands of reservoir visitors also enjoy hiking, biking and picnics on reservoir grounds.

New this year for boaters, watershed regulations now allow the use of rowing shells at all three reservoirs. Last year this was permitted on a trial basis. For the safety of boaters and the protection of our water supply, gasoline-powered engines are prohibited from the City reservoirs along with inflatable, collapsible, sailing and pontoon vessels. Boating season runs from March 1st through December 31st at Liberty and Prettyboy and from April 6th through November 25th at Loch Raven (Loch Raven has a limited schedule after Labor Day). The cost of a season boating permit is \$60.

The Boating and Fishing Guide is automatically sent to every boating permit applicant. For additional information on the reservoirs, to obtain a boating permit or the free **POCKET GUIDE**, contact the Department of Public Works at 410-795-6150.

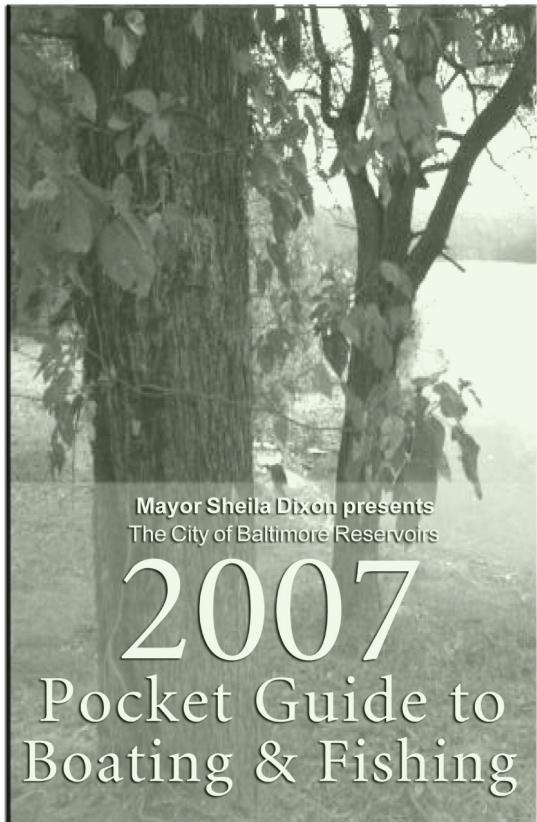
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Presenting The 2007 Baltimore Department of Public Works Pocket Guide to Boating and Fishing

Reservoir Plans
and Activities

Maryland Freshwater
Fishing Records

Species List

Location maps and
boat ramp markers

Useful Rules,
Regulations and Tips

SAFETY

- All boats must be seaworthy.
- Boaters must have one U.S. Coast Guard approved *wearable* personal flotation device for each occupant.
- Boaters must have some means of making an efficient sound signal such as a whistle, bell or horn.
- Rowboats over 16' must have one *throwable* personal flotation device.
- Most boats require fire extinguishers.
- Boats may not be operated with a greater number of occupants than specified by manufacturer.
- Operators born on or after July 1, 1972 must have in their possession a valid Certificate of Boating Safety Education.
- Recreational boaters are urged not to interfere with persons fishing.
- Wearing life preservers is strongly recommended.

PROHIBITIONS

- Gasoline-powered engines are prohibited on the reservoirs.
- Inflatable, collapsible, sail and pontoon boats are prohibited on the reservoirs.
- No boating between Liberty Road and Liberty Dam.
- No boating between Loch Raven Drive Bridge and Loch Raven Dam.
- No boating between Loch Raven Dam and small Loch Raven Dam.
- No boating within 1,500 feet of Prettyboy Dam.
- Only State registration number stickers are to be displayed on the forward section of the boat.
- Improper boat storage in spaces designated for handicapped boaters is prohibited.

Prettyboy Reservoir Watershed

